

Murfreesboro, Tennessee that called upon area schools to research alternative fuels.

Not only did these inventive students and educators take it upon themselves to develop their own bio-diesel, the Family and Consumer Science class is looking at ways to make soap from the glycerin that settles to the bottom of the mixture as it develops. There are plans to market the soap as a fundraiser for the school if efforts to make it are successful.

I applaud the actions of these students and the encouragement they are getting from their teachers. These students are receiving life lessons and skills they will be able to keep with them forever. They will not only be passing along these lessons to family and friends, these students are poised to go on to great things in the field of alternative/renewable energies.

There is no quick solution to the rising cost of fuel due to current demands and the lack of infrastructure to support renewable and alternative fuels. The long term solution will be in our ability to commit and invest in the development of these fuels. These young adults have taken this to heart and are to be commended for promoting this practice.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM
"BILL" WRIGHT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William V. "Bill" Wright, who for over 57 years contributed immensely to the people of Southern Nevada in a variety of roles both civically and professionally. As a result of his commitment to his fellow Nevadans, the Clark County School District Board of Trustees named a new elementary school in his memory and honor.

Bill was born in Corsicana, Texas in 1917 and he was raised in Illinois. He attended the University of Missouri where he earned a degree in journalism. Prior to his move to Las Vegas with his wife, Annelle, he began his professional journalism career as an advertising salesman at The Peoria Star in Peoria, Illinois.

After his move to Las Vegas, Bill joined the Las Vegas Review-Journal as a member of the staff. He was promoted to advertising director in 1945 and served in this capacity until 1966 when he was appointed to the position of general manager. During his tenure as general manager of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Bill was responsible for many of the important milestones in the development and growth of the newspaper. He oversaw the newspaper's circulation increase from 48,273 to 89,079 subscribers, which allowed it to claim the title of being the largest daily newspaper in the state of Nevada. He was also responsible for the construction of the newspaper's facilities on Bonanza Road and the modernization of the newspaper printing process from molten lead-typography to computerized typesetting.

As general manager of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Bill was committed to the idea that its readers should understand how the news stories impacted their lives and insisted that the articles included information on how it would impact the Las Vegas community.

In addition to his many successes and achievements with his professional career, Bill was also passionate about history and was an adamant collector. As a result of his interests in history and his pride for Nevada, Bill became involved with many civic organizations such as the Nevada Historical Society and the Nevada State Museum. He served in several leadership positions and was both a member of the board of trustees and also chairman of the board for 14 years. In 1980, the University of Nevada Las Vegas honored him with the Distinguished Nevadan Award for his many years of service to his state. He was also honored by the Nevada State Press Association with the Silver Makeup Rule Award and inducted into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, Annelle, his wife passed away in 1977 but Bill remained general manager of the newspaper until 1981. Bill was active with his civic organizations and projects until his passing in 1998 at the age of 80 years old. Bill and his wife were survived by 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren with many of them residing in Southern Nevada.

Madam Speaker, William V. "Bill" Wright was an outstanding Nevadan whose commitment to civic and community organizations has made a profound difference in our state. I thank the Clark County School District for honoring Bill Wright's memory by naming a school after him and I congratulate his family on this special occasion.

HONORING MATTHEW W.
PLUMMER

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, below is a narrative for the RECORD by Mr. Matthew W. Plummer, an original Tuskegee Airman.

In September 1937 when I arrived at Tuskegee the Nation was busily engaged in attaining the Nation's goal in building a fleet of 50,000 airplanes to counter the Axis's warlike threats to our European Allies. I was from San Antonio, Texas where there was located several air fields; in fact I was born adjacent to one of them. The earliest I can remember was making my own airplanes imagining flying myself. It was not long after arriving in Tuskegee I met other boys who were similarly interested. We decided on our own to form a flying club where we could get together and talk about flying.

The next year we were contacted by the school officials seeking the club's help locating an airfield where two visitors could land. They were C. Alfred Anderson, the pilot, and Dr. Forsyth, who were returning from a visit to the Caribbean islands. I informed them of an airport owned by the Sheltons where they could land. The Sheltons owned an ice house in downtown Tuskegee and were in the process of building an airplane I sometimes visited after school.

The information I provided the school officials was helpful and they appointed me as the flying guests' host during their stay in Tuskegee. The height of my enthusiasm was when "Chief" Anderson took me up for a ride over campus. I will always remember that short flight; it was a WacoUP47 4 place cabin craft.

It was not long after the Anderson-Forsyth visit the discontent by a growing voice of citizens demanding inclusion of blacks in programs involving government expenditures was heard by Washington officials. In response to this demand Tuskegee was invited to the hearings along with other black schools offering higher education. It has been reported along with other testimony Tuskegee officials proudly announced there already existed on its campus students anxious to learn aviation citing the existence of an aviation club. It is reasonable to assume that the existence of the flying club constituted one of the factors that inspired the faculty to obtain CPT programs which were the predecessor to the military training facility.

I was in the second class of students enrolled in the civilian pilot training program. After completion of that program I was hired as an instructor for U.S. Army cadets training at Tuskegee. I volunteered for the Armed services, but deferred from active duty due to my position as an instructor.

One of the rewards of being an instructor was the feeling of modesty upon meeting an old student who expresses his admiration for the initial days of teaching lessons on the skill of flying! Consistently they are gracious in thanking us for the assistance in learning the skill of handling an airplane.

A TRIBUTE TO ROYCE O.
CHAPMAN

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Royce O. Chapman. Mr. Chapman has been an integral part of my operations for more than a decade. He managed my Fairbanks campaign office during the 1992 election and since then Royce has run my Fairbanks District Office. He has been a truly tireless public servant, helping me, the people of Fairbanks and the whole of Alaska.

Royce was born March 4, 1951 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He spent his early years in the small farming community of Johnstown, Colorado and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1969. He attended Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, Colorado in 1969-1970. After leaving college, Royce started work for Great Western Sugar Company in Johnstown until entering the United States Air Force in April of 1971.

Royce has two brothers: Rodney who lives in Wisconsin, and David in Colorado; and a sister Jana who lives in Oregon. Royce has been married to the former Carolyn Warman since September 2, 1971. They have two adult daughters, Shannon and Stacie, and four grandchildren: Justin, age 10 and Shane, age 7 who live in Seattle, Washington; and Meghan, age 7 and Ryan, age 4 who live in Tok, Alaska.

Royce's public service started in the Air Force. He spent the majority of his time in the Air Force as a Public Affairs Specialist and Technician working in the community relations, internal information, and public information sections. He was also the editor of several base newspapers; along with this he wrote many articles for publication in civilian newspapers and magazines.

Royce served for 20 years with assignments in Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota; Davis-

Monthan AFB, Arizona; Zaragoza Air Base in Zaragoza, Spain; Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma; and Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. His final assignment was Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska where he served from 1984 until retirement in 1991.

Royce is also a key figure in the community. He is a member of the Optimist Club of Fairbanks, has served on the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board for 9 years (1997–2006) and is currently sitting on the Fairbanks “Kids Voting” Board of Directors.

Royce has been an integral part of my “Alaska team” for many years and it saddens me to see him leave. He has used his skills in communication and management to help me better serve the people of Alaska. His outgoing personality, confidential counsel and comprehensive evaluation of situations, have allowed him to do his job to the fullest and for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Royce is a Great Alaskan. I wish him and Carolyn all the best and continued good health as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT
EMERITUS DANIEL RUPP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of President Emeritus Daniel Rupp, for his 28 years of service as an officer of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 40, where he devoted himself to the concerns and needs of the American worker.

For 15 years, Mr. Rupp was the Administrative Vice President of the NALC. His continuous work and never-ending desire to support the labor community earned him the respect of his peers. Mr. Rupp served his position with dignity and honor. It was no surprise when he became the Executive Vice President, and then the President of the Cleveland Postal Employees Credit Union (CPECU).

During the time Mr. Rupp was the President of the CPECU, he remained dedicated to addressing the concerns of the union while preserving the rights of the members. In addition to his tireless work with the CPECU he was a National Trustee delegate, and Branch 40 was well served by his leadership.

Committed not only to the union, Mr. Rupp devoted himself to his family with the same intensity he had when representing the members of the NALC. He and Barb have been married for 45 years, and together they have raised four sons and a daughter. Now, they have the unending joy of doting upon their nine beautiful grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring President Emeritus Daniel Rupp for his enthusiasm and devotion to the American worker. His integrity, commitment to his brothers and sisters, and tireless work with the community have made an indelible mark on northeast Ohio, and we are grateful for his dedication.

IN HONOR OF THE 120 YEARS OF
COMBINED PUBLIC SERVICE OF
NORTHVALE FIREMEN ARTHUR
BODRATO AND FRANK
BUONOCORE

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the extraordinary public service of two firemen who have each served the community of Northvale, New Jersey for 60 years. Arthur Bodrato and Frank Buonocore joined the company in 1947, a mere 41 years after the company was even founded. Their lives stand as a testament to how just a single life of volunteerism can make a profound difference in the lives of so many.

Not content to merely serve their neighbors in this brave role, both men took on extra responsibilities in the Northvale Fire Department and Northvale Fire Association to help their fellow firefighters. Frank Buonocore served as the Fire Association Treasurer for 18 years and as a Relief Association Officer. He also served as Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief of the Department. Arthur Bodrato served as Financial Secretary for the Fire Association and is the current President of the Northvale Fire Department Exempt Fireman's Association. He also served as a Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

As if to demonstrate the example these men have provided to their community, they have inspired a legacy of service. Arthur Bodrato's son, Briant is the current Chief of the Northvale Fire Department, and I look forward to returning to the floor some day to honor him for his service to Northvale as well.

THE GLOBAL THREAT OF DRUG-
RESISTANT TB

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, last week the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on the important and timely global health issue of drug-resistant tuberculosis. It is shocking that this disease which is curable continues to kill about 2 million people each year. Perhaps the reason for this apparent contradiction is that the vast majority of those who die from TB—98 percent—live in the developing world, and are from the poorest and most marginalized sectors of society. TB is particularly pernicious in that it targets young adults who are just starting to form their families and who are the producers and sustainers of their societies. The emergence in recent years of drug-resistant TB has raised the specter of higher death rates, more children who will lose their parents, and communities that will fall deeper into poverty and despair.

Combined with the fact that TB is the leading cause of death of persons with HIV/AIDS, this disease is having a particularly devastating impact on Africa. However, it is important to note that no region—indeed no country,

including our own—is immune from the effects of tuberculosis. We should all be alarmed that strains that are resistant to a single drug have been documented in every country surveyed by the World Health Organization. Given the ease with which TB can be spread, TB is truly a disease without borders, and it is in our national as well as humanitarian interest to seek its eradication.

Therefore, it was highly appropriate that the subcommittee on global health commemorated World TB Day 2007 with the rest of the world, and raised our voices with that of others for an emergency response to this increasingly dangerous threat to global health. I agree with my colleagues here in Congress who are advocating for significantly more resources to be directed towards TB prevention, detection and treatment, and research for new drugs. In addition, the hearing provided us with the opportunity to examine the best means for directing our resources.

The World Health Organization recently came out with an interesting study entitled: “Appreciating Assets: The Contribution of Religion to Universal Access in Africa.” The study was focused on the treatment of HIV/AIDS, and utilized Zambia and Lesotho as the two study sites, but the findings provide useful indications for addressing other health issues, including tuberculosis, throughout Africa. The study found that approximately 30–40 percent of national health services were provided by faith-based organizations. In some areas, those percentages went as high as 65–70 percent.

The benefits of a faith-based infrastructure for addressing HIV/AIDS would seem to apply also to tuberculosis. For example, assisting and monitoring adherence to the drug regimen could be overseen by the volunteer community, as well as education of the general public. Since churches, mosques and synagogues are being encouraged to undertake HIV/AIDS initiatives, TB can readily be included.

It is well-known that the Global Fund is a major contributor to TB detection and treatment programs around the world. The United States has given over \$2 billion to the Global Fund, or just over 30 percent of the Fund's revenues. I was disturbed to read reports earlier this month that the Global Fund has permanently terminated two grants to Uganda for malaria and tuberculosis. When I visited Uganda in January 2006, a suspension of 5 Global Fund grants due to gross mismanagement had just been lifted and I was informed that the problems appeared to have been resolved. The fact that this now turns out not to have been the case, and that several other countries have also had Global Fund grants terminated, raises serious questions about how the Global Fund is operating.

I know from my visits to Africa and from the numerous reports we receive in Congress how well our bilaterally-funded PEPFAR programs are performing. The information and accountability that Congress has come to take for granted through these bilateral programs are not available through the Global Fund. And yet many of the primary recipients of Global Fund grants are governments with a history of corruption and fraud, and/or limited capacity to properly manage large sums of money in their health sectors. One could argue that the absence in the Global Fund of a robust reporting and monitoring mechanism at both the primary and sub-recipient levels is an open invitation